

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 10 is now present in this application. Claim 10 is independent.

Claims 1-9 and 11-14 have been canceled, claim 10 has been amended. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Request for Entry of Response after Final Rejection

This response should be entered after final rejection because it presents an amendment complying with a requirement as set forth in a previous Office Action. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

In the event that this response does not place this application into condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to enter this response because it places the application into better condition for appeal.

Reasons for Entry of Amendments

At the outset, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered into the Official File in view of the fact that the amendments to the claims automatically place the application in condition for allowance.

In the alternative, if the Examiner does not agree that this application is in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered for the purpose of appeal. This Amendment reduces the issues on appeal by placing the claims in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and by canceling independent claim 7 and incorporating the limitations thereof into dependent claim 10. This Amendment was not presented at an earlier date in view of the fact that Applicants did not fully appreciate the Examiner's position until the Final Office Action was reviewed.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in this application. Claim 10 has been rewritten into independent form, and should therefore be allowed.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed or accommodated. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael K. Mutter, Registration No. 29,680, at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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